

Financing Options for Healthy Onsite Sewage Systems (OSS)

Regional Priority Approach	SHELL1.8: Improve and expand funding for small onsite sewage systems (OSS) and local OSS programs
Owner Organization	Snohomish County
Funders	Washington State Department of Health
Other Organizations	Craft3, Snohomish Health District
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Stage	Implementation
Duration	2021 - 2022
Activity Progress	On-Track
Activity Progress Barrier	No barrier identified
2018 NTA ID	2018-0129
Total Proposed NTA Cost	\$675,000.00

SHELL1: Address overarching priorities to increase and protect harvestable shellfish acres ➤ SHELL1.8: Improve and expand funding for small onsite sewage systems (OSS) and local OSS programs

Snohomish County, through the existing Savvy Septic Pilot Program, will provide affordable financing options and education to empower residents in Snohomish County to maintain healthy OSS systems through rebates, low-income grants, technical support, and free septic care workshops for homeowners. Methods for success include:

1. Hosting at least 6 free homeowner workshops on best practices for OSS operations and maintenance.
2. Provide grants for 40 low-income residents to replace or repair failing OSS, or perform preventative maintenance to prevent failure.
3. Provide 400 homeowner rebates for septic system inspections (\$100 max) and installation of septic risers (\$50 per riser, up to 2)

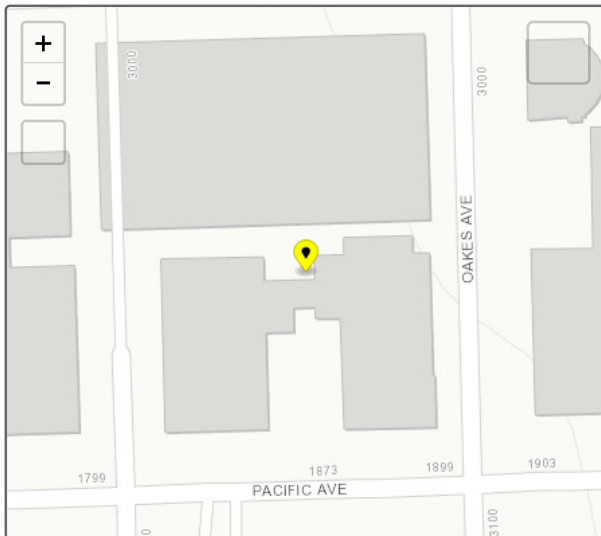
Activity Types

- Behavior Change - Awareness Raising (Education)
- Behavior Change - Incentives

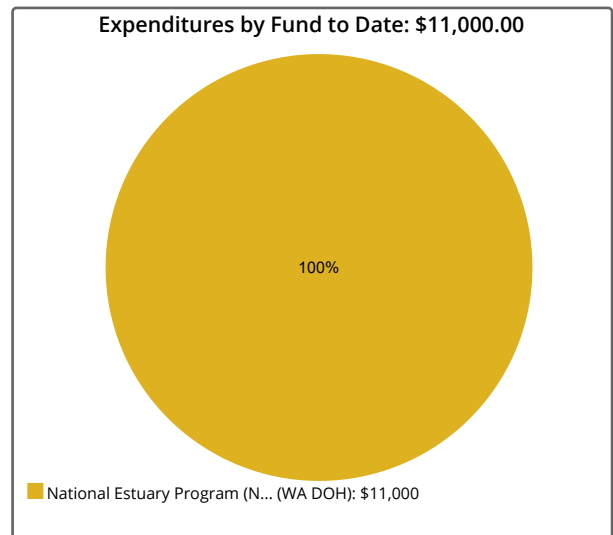


Septic replacement for a low-income grant recipient through Savvy Septic

Location



Expenditures



Photos

No additional photos provided

Near Term Action last updated 4/12/2021